

REMARKS

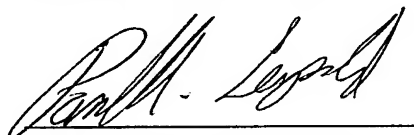
Basis for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 5. It is noted that the Examiner indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if written in independent form. Therefore, claim 1 is now allowable as are all claims dependent thereon.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Wohrstein et al. (492). Claim 1 has now been amended to correspond to claim 5. Therefore, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of claim 5, written in independent form, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, it is gratefully noted that claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 15-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 now has been rewritten to correspond to previous claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable as are all claims dependent thereon.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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